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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASST. SECY. MATTHEWS AND DAS DOWNEY

REF: (A) USDOC 20004; (B) STATE 278015

1. REQUEST FOR SIGHTSEEING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. AND MRS. MATTHEWS ON NOV 29 PARA. 3, REF. (B), SEEMS NOT TO ACCOUNT FOR FACT THAT THEIR ARRIVAL AT 1640 SAME DAY WILL LEAVE VERY LITTLE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING ONCE AIRPORT FORMALITIES COMPLETED AND COUPLE ARRIVES AT HOTEL, ESPECIALLY IF MATTHEWS' INTEND TO ATTEND TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL RECEPTION THAT EVENING AT 1900 IN INTOURIST HOTEL.

2. THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES IN LAYING ON INDIVIDUAL CAR, DRIVER AND INTERPRETER THROUGH INTOURIST FOR THREE-HOUR TOUR ON DECEMBER 3, BUT WE SEE NO OTHER CONVENIENT OPENING IN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THAT DATE, TOUR CAN NORMALLY BE ARRANGED ONE DAY IN ADVANCE IF DESIRED.

3. COURTESY CALL FOR ASST. SECY. MATTHEWS ON DEPUTY SCST CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI NOT YET CONFIRMED FOR DECEMBER 2, BUT WE HOPE TO HAVE WORD FROM SCST ON THIS SOON. WILL ADVISE.

4. PLEASE PROVIDE FUNDING DATA REQUESTED PARA 6, MOSCOW 18069, TO BE USED IN EVENT PERSONAL CARS FOR MESSRS. MATTHEWS AND DOWNEY SINCE IT NOW APPEARS THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY MFT.

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